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Introduced by Representatives Colburn of Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg,
Botzow of Pownal, Buckholz of Hartford, Chesnut-Tangerman
of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of
Burlington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Colchester,
Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Fields of Bennington,
Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of
Brookfield, Houghton of Essex, Joseph of North Hero,
LaLonde of South Burlington, Lucke of Hartford, Masland of
Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney,
O’Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of
South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of
Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan
of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington,
Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre
City, Weed of Enosburgh, and Young of Glover

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public buildings; health; gender-free restroom

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that
any single-user toilet in any public building or place of public accommodation

1 be identified as gender-free.

2 An act relating to identification of gender-free restrooms in public buildings
3 and places of public accommodation

4 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

5 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. chapter 40 is added to read:

6 CHAPTER 40. RESTROOMS

7 § 1791. DEFINITIONS

8 As used in this chapter:

9 (1) “Place of public accommodation” has the same meaning as used in
10 9 V.S.A. § 4501.

11 (2) “Public building” has the same meaning as used in 20 V.S.A.
12 § 2730.

13 (3) “Single-user toilet facility” means a toilet facility with no more than
14 one water closet and one urinal with a locking mechanism controlled by the
15 user.

16 § 1792. SINGLE-USER RESTROOMS

17 ~~(a) Any single-user toilet facility in a public building or place of public~~
18 ~~accommodation shall be identified by a sign as a gender-free toilet facility, and~~
19 ~~shall be designated for use by no more than one occupant at a time or for~~
20 ~~family or assisted use.~~

(a) Any single-user toilet facility in a public building or place of public accommodation shall be made available for use by persons of any gender, and designated for use by no more than one occupant at a time or for family or assisted use. A single-user toilet facility may be identified by a sign, provided that the sign marks the facility as a restroom and does not indicate any specific gender.

1 (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety may inspect for compliance under
2 subsection (a) of this section during any inspection conducted pursuant to
3 20 V.S.A. § 2731(b).

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on ~~passage~~ *July 1, 2017.*